



JULY 5, 2026 10:30 A.M.
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Optional) Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

The service can also be listened to on any radio on church property.

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *My Country 'Tis of Thee* No. 571

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Beaver UCC!

If you are new or would like more information, please fill out a welcome card, located in the holder on the back of each pew, and place it in the offering plate.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours: Tues. 1-6 p.m.

Wed 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Thu 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Choir Director: Karen Barger Organist: Donna Larsen

Children's Sunday School Teachers:

Brittany King, Sarah Hogan, Ellie Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
- Hearing assistance devices are available on the blue table near the altar by the back entrance.
- Children's Sunday School is available year-round during the service for children who are toddler age through 5th grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment. Children will remain in the 3rd floor Sunday School classrooms until an adult family member comes to get them.

Lay Reader: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-In

Today's altar flowers are given by Dean and Mindy Severtson in honor of their anniversary.

Fri., July 18th;

Church BBQ & Outdoor Game Night, 4:30pm

Beaver church is going to have a fun event for everyone on the evening of Friday July 18th, starting at 4:30pm and going until whenever. We are inviting people to bring outside games such as corn hole, and we are going to be barbequing hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. Feel free to bring whatever outside games you would like, and any side dishes to go with the meal. In the event of rain, we will meet inside and play board games.

- All are invited to enjoy lunch and conversation in the downstairs Fellowship room following the service. Donations of snacks are always welcome. Lunch is provided by volunteers with the help of your donations. The first Sunday of the month is always a church potluck.
- Card Ministry: Please sign the cards on the table at the front of the sanctuary. Let Shirley or Gretchen know about those with physical or emotional needs who would appreciate a card. Your prayers for these people are much appreciated.
- Church Email List: If you would like to receive updates about church events and worship, please give your email address to Pastor Brian and he will add you to the church email list.

July 12, 2026

Scripture: Isaiah 55:10-13 and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Lay Reader: Marian Clark

Fellowship Lunch: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: I am the church; you are the church.

People: We are the church together.

Leader: We depend on our seniors and long-time members to remember where we came from and where we have been.

People: We are the church together.

Leader: We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

People: We are the church together.

Leader: We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

People: We are the church together.

Leader: We need each other to be the church.

All: We are the church together.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Embodied God, remind us that we are surrounded; we are surrounded by the people you have created, and by the many gifts you have given them to share. Remind us of our own gifts, and the ways we may use them in community. Suffering Savior, we confess that in our own struggle to survive, we have ignored other communities. We have forgotten that they too have the right to survive. Make us mindful. Make us compassionate. Help us to see you in one another. In your name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Beloved in Christ, know that you are God's own and that through divine love you are freed to begin anew the work of living together in compassionate community.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *America, the Beautiful* No. 572
Joys and Concerns
All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.
Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)
Organ Response

OFFERING OF GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD

Offertory
Presentation of Gifts*
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen*
Prayer of Blessing

SPECIAL MUSIC

LESSONS Song of Solomon 2:8-13 OT pg. 736
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NT pg. 15

SERMON "Get Up"

COMMUNION

PARTING SONG* *Lord of Life*
**Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.
Day by day show the way, be Thou our vision to guide us.
Striving to follow Thy noble plan, nothing can divide us. Lord
of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.**

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July Meetings:

July 5th, VBS Training, 12:15 pm
July 12th, VBS Training, 12:15 pm
July 22nd, Consistory, 6:30 pm

Ongoing;

Gutter & Roof Fundraising

The congregation met recently and voted to approve an \$8,500 plan to upgrade our roof and gutters to handle snow and ice now that we have a metal roof. This should help to prevent costly repairs we have had to make recently. For those that wish to donate to this, please write "Gutters" on any donation made.

Ongoing;

Food Pantry Ministry

Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our outdoor food pantry, the food pantry shelf downstairs, or the collection box in the comfort room.

Ongoing;

Bring in Garage Sale Items

Feel free to bring garage sale items to the church and place them in the basement. If you have questions, please speak with Melissa or Jeannette.

Tue., July 7th;

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study, 6:30pm

We are continuing our Bible study on the Gospel according to Matthew. This is a hybrid book study that meets in-person every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, and also will be available at the same time via Zoom.

Tue., July 14th;

VBS, 5:00pm

We will be having a 3-day evening VBS on July 14th-16th. There will be an optional dinner downstairs each evening from 5pm until 5:45pm, and then the VBS will start at 5:45pm and last until 8pm. For more information, please talk to Jeannette or Pastor Brian.